

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Honorable Katherine Tai
U.S. Trade Representative
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Representative Tai:

We write to support your efforts to protect labor rights for the workers at the VU Manufacturing (VU) in Piedras Negras, Mexico.

As you know, numerous labor violations at VU facilities have formed the basis of the second Rapid Response Labor Mechanism (RRLM) complaint initiated by the Biden administration against VU. These include reports of VU's refusal to bargain in good faith with workers' duly elected representative (the Mexican Workers' Union League or LSOM), unlawful favoritism to the minority company union, intimidation and threats to LSOM organizers, and other denials of rights. Most recently, workers' right to strike was blocked by a local Mexican labor tribunal, which triggered a rebuke by federal Mexican labor officials.

As the U.S. and Mexico continue the RRLM process, we ask that you continue to protect the interests of workers' by helping to remedy these violations and reach a mutually satisfactory settlement. Bolstering the wages and conditions of workers at VU will not only benefit workers at that facility but help level the playing field for American workers by demonstrating to other multinational corporations that workers' rights in Mexico must be protected. The workers at VU have bravely risked their own wellbeing to bring forward these issues in Mexico and we must stand with them.

We are encouraged by your efforts and stand ready to support you in enacting a worker centered trade policy that strengthens Mexican labor rights. Through support for workers in Mexico, we can also support workers in the United States.

Sincerely,



Daniel T. Kildee
Member of Congress



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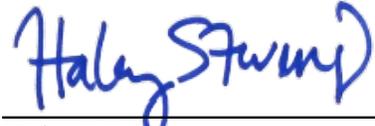
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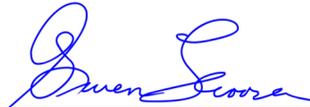
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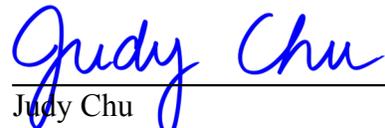
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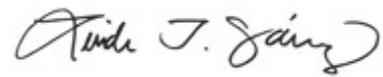
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